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A Dictionary is an historical monument, the history of a nation.
Richard C. Trench, 1857, *On Some Deficiencies in our English Dictionaries*

GRIDATORIAL



It's our Thirteenth Birthday this month! Congratulations to all members and to our Founders, Noel Jessop, Carole Noble and Alan Walter. We are going from strength to strength and will celebrate this year with our highest membership number ever. Many happy returns!

Neir B'Odet has compiled a Special Quiz to celebrate our birthday. Needless to say, the number 'thirteen' crops up occasionally! Enjoy the Birthday celebrations and the Cake! Happy Birthday ACC!

We must make mention of the wonderful contribution made to our Club by the Adjudicators. Each month they have to carefully look through hundreds of filled-in grids to see if they correspond with the solutions. It's a demanding job (not to mention it's tough on the eyes too!) but we really appreciate their hard work and dedication. This month we thank Veniece Lobsey, Audrey Austin, Del Kennedy and Betty Siegman for their excellent efforts. Thanks a lot to our loyal adjudicators.

This month we have another set of satisfying puzzles to keep you enthralled. *Virgo* has contributed another of her Thematic puzzles and our regular *Southern Cross* gives us another lesson in the art of cluewomanship! We cannot resist publishing our favourite Ximenean, *Praxis* and we welcome back *The Beast* with a challenging cryptic and *St Jude* with the perennial favourite AJ. The popular *Makeanote* will leave solvers horizontally and vertically challenged with some great clues.

Finally we wish you Happy Crozworlding and a Happy Easter.

—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Hello again to all crossword club members.

Slot 1: I wasn't aware of the alternate spelling for HADJ but when there were 18 entries with HAJJ I thought I had better check and yes, there it was in my *Chambers*. Both spellings accepted. A few had trouble with the spelling of 'enneads' but otherwise no glaring errors.

Slot 2: Sorry for the 16 members who wanted to spell JEROBOAM as jereboam or jeraboam. There were a few variations on OTAGO and DADAISM.

Slot 3: There were 2 'uboats' and 1 'matatarsal'. All other errors were obvious transcription errors.

Slot 4: HAWAIIANS and KAKADU caused a bit of grief. NZ bird: kaka + brief Dutch: du = Kakadu. There were a couple of 'debouch'. Pt Addis is between Torquay and Anglesea on the Great Ocean Road, in Victoria, overlooking Bells Beach. Alan Walter described this puzzle as "Polygonal Perfection".

There were too many transcription errors (uufed, issee, gree); empty boxes (ste_an, a_l_, b_d, m_n_oya, mo_ent) and spelling errors (equinex, nonratial, adelweiss). As Joyce Sheahan said "check, recheck and then check again". I'm always surprised by the number of members who don't have a return address on their envelopes. What if?

Clue of the month:

The clue voted tops by 16 members was Slot 3, 15ac: Min appears twice with just an overnight bag – "Travelling light". (Min min lights). Well done Shirli. Bill Bennett was pleased to see the min min lights at Evelyn Creek, Milparinka. Thank you, for all the personal notes. They lighten the load. Happy crosswording to all,

—Veniece

Hi Margaret, lovely pen Cheryl.

LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	101	96	99	91	78	461
Correct entries	74	63	91	73	67	364
Success rate %	73.3	66.0	92.0	80.2	86.0	80.0
Prizewinners	C Chance	L Marsland	M Collins	B Glissan	I McKenzie	From 101 members

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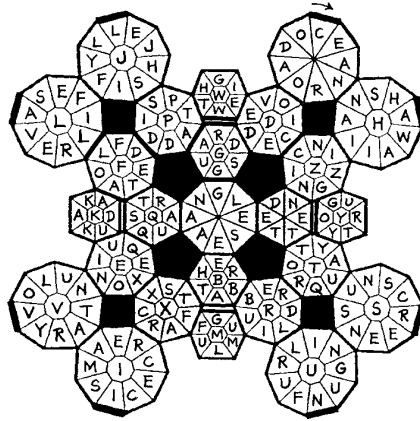
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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR MARCH 2003

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ANDERSON C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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McCUSKER C						✓
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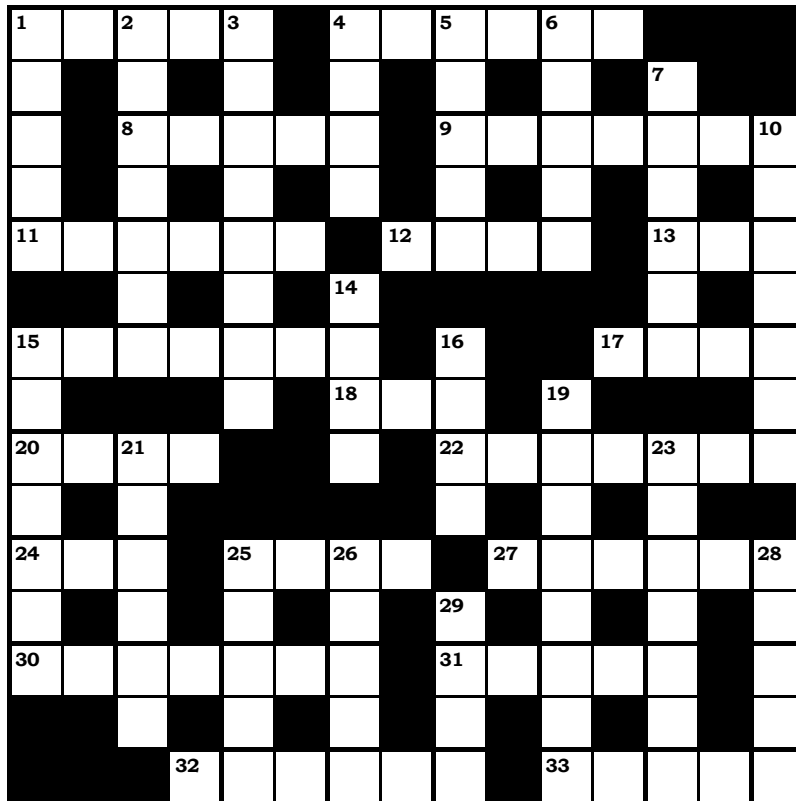
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**Thematic
by
Virgo**

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Down answers are clued differently. They all have something in common.

Across

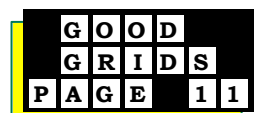
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- 4 Wellbeing (6)
- 8 Semi-precious stone (5)
- 9 By number (7)
- 11 Dash (6)
- 12 Disobey order (4)
- 13 Clerical robe (3)
- 15 _____ Cardinale, Italian actress (7)
- 17 Close to (4)
- 18 ___ Farrow actress star of 'Rosemary's Baby' (3)
- 20 Satellite (4)
- 22 Panda (4-3)
- 24 Garland (3)
- 25 Unaided (4)
- 27 Clowning about (6)
- 30 Long running Police drama (3, 4)
- 31 Nikola _____ Yugoslav born US inventor (5)
- 32 Forte (6)
- 33 Mad (5)

Down

- 1 King (5)
- 2 Flack (7)
- 3 Moonlight (8)
- 4 Home (4)
- 5 Orphan (5)
- 6 Rot (5)
- 7 Lightning (6)
- 10 Artiste (7)
- 14 Auntie (4)
- 15 King Arthur's (7)
- 16 Ruth (4)
- 19 Ride (8)
- 21 Reed (6)
- 23 Hope (7)
- 25 Moon (5)
- 26 Palmer (5)
- 28 Violin (5)
- 29 Pole (4)

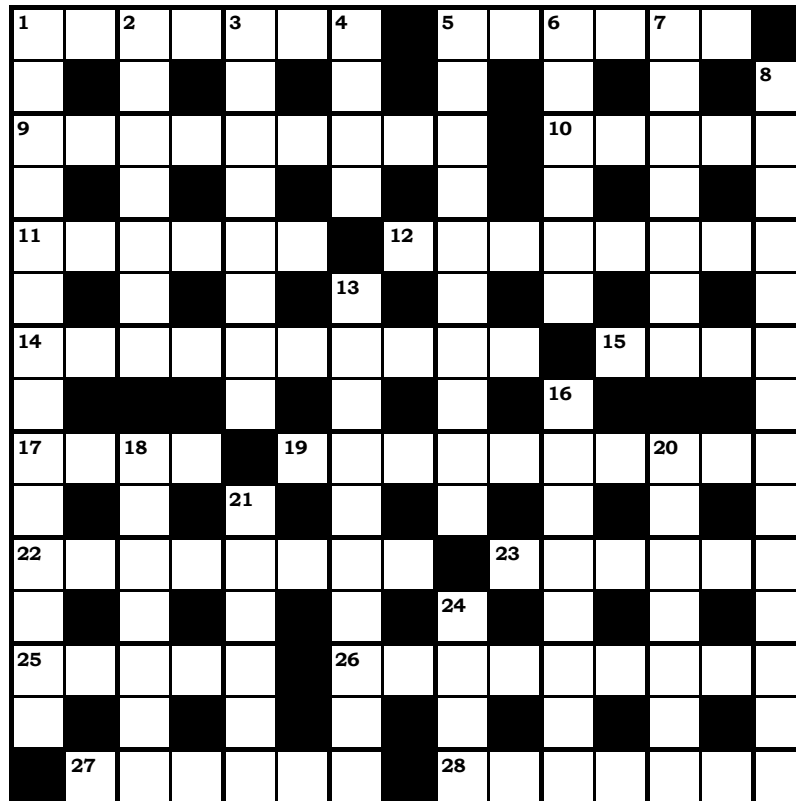
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CRYPTIC
by
The Beast

APRIL 2 2003



Across

- 1 Water board for example (7)
- 5 Polish? Actually sounds Nordic (6)
- 9 Denials surface when countries encircle, for example (9)
- 10 Ideal sort of craft for back-waters (5)
- 11 Rose is just crazy about trees! (6)
- 12 Lightest metal inspector – he issues permits (8)
- 14 Dandy heard to duck home (3-3,4)
- 15 Christmas horse connection (4)
- 17 Previously it would nick off! (4)
- 19 To want to go nuts is what it takes (3,2,5)
- 22 Playboy’s initial erotica used for musical (8)
- 23 Stage a production for Stones (6)
- 25 A kingdom of fair dinkum men (5)
- 26 Sounds like an old politico’s account for a turtle (9)
- 27 In the Sports academy, Bradman is a God (6)
- 28 Fish cleaners seen in the street (7)

Down

- 1 Walks the plank? Yes but quickly to get results (4,2,3,5)
- 2 To engage, first ring around for a small Micronesian (7)
- 3 Medical Officer follows cretin around for close communication (8)
- 4 Morning grief for example (4)
- 5 Conical if a tree, different if it’s a gate (10)
- 6 Sniffs around hotel first, then pigs out (6)
- 7 Aussie name for a blonde Russian – a runner (4-3)
- 8 Cleaner ghosts from Davy Jones’s locker? (7,2,5)
- 13 Horse or dragon possibly, burdens the little blokes (10)
- 16 Coach ready for play appointments (5-3)
- 18 Anger over rural property in this country (7)
- 20 Offal is off the menu. It’s absolutely green (3, 4)
- 21 Top cricketer runs out a villain (6)
- 24 Wake up and shoot! (4)

From Brian Symons:

Crozworlders who are also fans of the detective genre should enjoy Ian Rankin’s Rebus novel “The Falls”. It’s a great read and the plot has as its backbone a series of cryptic clues. Although the solutions are parochial to Edinburgh and too difficult, nevertheless the thought processes of the detectives trying to solve them are quite instructive.

From Doug Butler: Heard on Radio National recently, a woman reminiscing about her husband: “... and he suffered terribly before he died. It couldn’t have happened to a nicer man.” Sometimes it takes a foreigner to ferret out the illogicality of our language.

CRYPTIC
by
Southern
Cross

APRIL 3 2003



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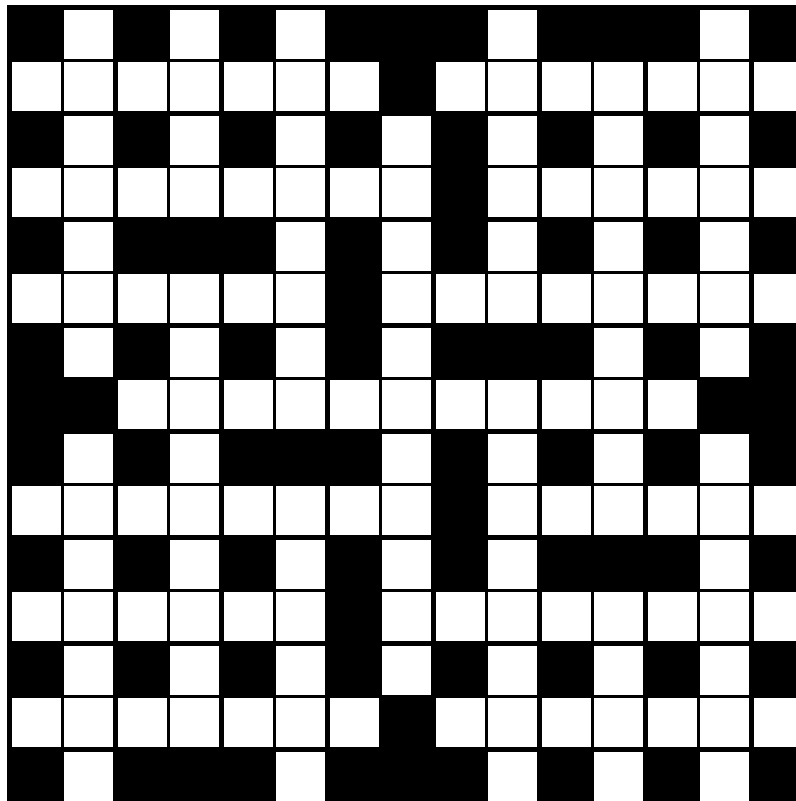
- 9 Popular soldier keeps out of sight (2, 7)
- 10 Making fuss about love? (5)
- 11 Wearing out love — iron right away! (7)
- 12 Most of nutty crisp biscuit (7)
- 13 Means of restraining the tide of homosexuals? (5)
- 14 Drawn towards Canberra, crazily tarted out (9)
- 16 Drippy boy wishes to change outlet, and takes a drink (4,3'1,7)
- 19 Twisted wire separates stall in vertical shaft where one takes flight (9)
- 21 Horse-drawn vehicles and horseless carriages milling around the junction (5)
- 22 Double agent shelters cheat retreating from the one-eyed viewer (7)
- 23 Financial institution is backing one with Australian growth (7)
- 24 Pugilist's dog (5)
- 25 Make certain about heading of contract — look for a pen (9)

Down

- 1 Dicky desired to take in own quilts (10)
- 2 Expert leaves space rocket with a toothed cylinder (8)
- 3 Appreciate its Arabian figures (6)
- 4 An anecdote from Lisle, possibly (4)
- 5 Drier at the seaside? (5, 5)
- 6 Edible creature — one kept in calm, fresh air (8)
- 7 Bill wants to curtail the movie (6)
- 8 When in France I must accept the royal gibe (4)
- 14 Where one sees from progressively increasing heights (2,3,5)
- 15 Kind of divers Ted confirmed (4-6)
- 17 Order half of 21down to be replaced and documented (2, 6)
- 18 Disposes of grass covering the point — almost! (5, 3)
- 20 The former brought up under the old Queen's wing (6)
- 21 Read assignment — "Swindler's Lark"? (3, 3)
- 22 Gangs on the rise in city's bomb-scarred areas (4)
- 23 Relating to the past sponsor (4)

AJ
by
St Jude

APRIL 4 2003



Fit the answers where you can. All answers begin with the leading letter.

- A** Court for mass (6)
- B** Repeated malodorous stink with connection to North American bird (8)
- C** "Shapely bottom", you pigs call out (11)
- D** Tod returns to model the French pipe residue (6)
- E** Part of atmosphere made of endless length of cloth. Yeah, right (1-5)
- F** Italian wine bottles are failures (8)
- G** Dick sticks implement (7)
- H** Harp starts, and ringless you return to three cardinals with rock crystals (7)
- I** Jacob is an artist with the Spanish chosen people (6)
- J** Ju-ju men tear apart intestine (7)
- K** Make a strenuous complaint when unruly USAF picks UK (4,2,1,4)
- L** Fish the Italian parliamentarian freely divided evenly before beginning supper (8)
- M** Sailor, destroying meat, receives his fate (7)
- N** Postie's sack with opening reduced to half its size by printer to make carpenter's accessory (4, 3)
- O** Unpredictable start, and soon moved around after Australian thunderstorm left the air smelling like this (7)
- P** Phil, no heartless gay from New York, has a fondness for women (9)
- Q** Somebody's surrounded by liquidambers (6)
- R** Regret to announce sauce base (4)
- S** Musicians pose then start a rhythmic, improvised, sultry Turkish song (9)
- T** Capital made as Siamese loses hotel frontman's salary soundly (6)
- U** A French vehicle in Germany's capital is insouciant (8)
- V** Small capacity of hay fields for simultaneous bursts (7)
- W** Conflict at a hotel beginning to flower (7)
- X** Worried hot axman produces skin lesion (8)
- Y** Rowdy behaviour going on among every third Guyanan who heard Hope's partner decapitated (8)
- Z** The final topless exam results in piquancy (4)

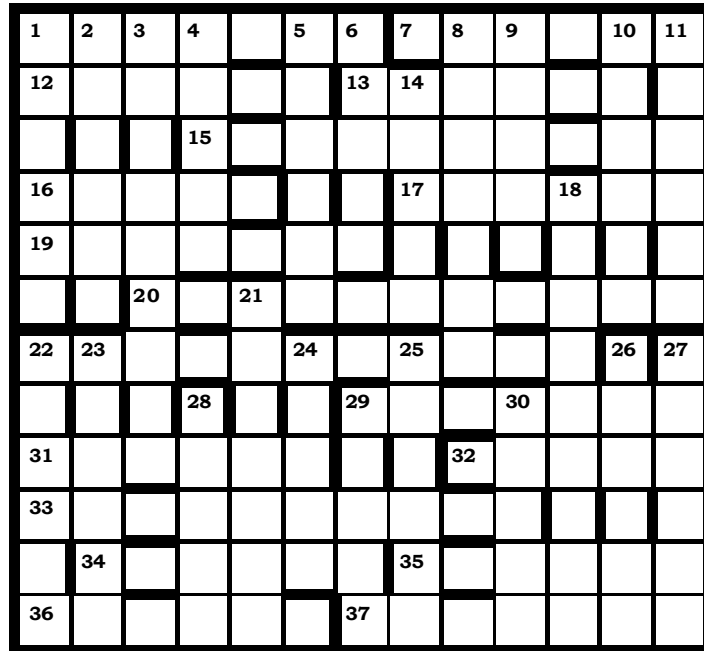
CATS!
by
Praxis

APRIL 5 2003



[rrp: \$75]

Unclued lights are the opening lines of a well-known poem.
The Chambers Dictionary, 1998 ed is recommended.



Across

- 1 Drink affected travel-worn no longer (7)
- 7 Money's brought over to award informer (6)
- 12 The gang has a secret (6)
- 13 Aggressive firm's henchman's in the limo (6)
- 15 (10, two words)
- 16 Also note, reversal's in motion (5)
- 17 Deprived of fish in old age? Just the opposite (6)
- 19 (7)
- 20 (11, 3 words)
- 22 Geological period left stone piece broken (11)
- 29 (7)
- 31 Eminence bowled over brown rat (6)
- 32 Indonesian island flier's American (5)
- 33 (10, 3 words)
- 34 Lincoln has the French white poplars (6)
- 35 One more rational rejected battle zones (6)
- 36 Woman returned bearing Islamic law (6)
- 37 It's a mix-up without right heraldic form (7)

Down

- 1 Course — seafood, local curries (6)
- 2 Angry refusal to remove hats ending in reprimand (6)
- 3 Rob's drunk following a talent — imbibing? (9)
- 4 Brooded over repressed (3, 2)
- 5 Mewing cat (Manx) — first night in trap (6)
- 6 Scandinavian money for English whale carcass (5)
- 8 Cabaret can set up at the lake (7)
- 9 Poem's fish unknown to Latin student (5)
- 10 Indians get hot lubricant for Jock (6)
- 11 Ben's led out to the barrier (6)
- 14 The trick is to include zest with slang (5)
- 18 Stop endless hurt and loathing (9)
- 21 Jewish king's turned up with one each side (7)
- 22 Permeable Italian banker turned sour (6)
- 23 Pam, note this plant (6)
- 24 Time one incorporated new weight (5)
- 25 Company gets top fish for cat (6)
- 26 A strap (aluminium) for the drum (6)
- 27 Somehow Moses accommodated old starting to filter in (6)
- 28 Number three's a mess (5)
- 29 Impose first in Brooklyn? (5)
- 30 Start off licked, worn out (5)

The Min-Min light:

Min-Min is an Aboriginal name for a "ghost light" (or will-o'-the-wisp) which is said to move about in various parts of Queensland and the Northern Territory. It is similar to a car light but does not throw a beam. The light is said to be derived from a spontaneous combination of methane and other gases given off by a bore in outback areas. The Aborigines believe it is an apparition of evil spirits. For further details visit the following websites: <http://www.castleofspirits.com/minmins.html>, <http://www.science-frontiers.com/sf031/sf031p15.htm> and particularly http://www.theozfiles.com/min_min_lights.html

**Author Doc's
a Cryptic
by
Makeanote**

APRIL 6 2003



While the clues and the grid are standard, some of the answers are to be entered in reverse, eg, left to right, right to left, down or up. For this reason the clues have been categorised as either **horizontal** or **vertical**.

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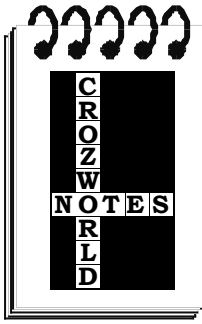
- 1 Mad southeastern hare gives you your last ride (6)
- 5 Oversupplies furs and ties, with a mixup being separate (8)
- 9 Sense the change of state (5)
- 10 Questions awaiting decision for one's Courts (6)
- 11 Frustrated brothers in a bed were taken in (8)
- 13 A lane not changing brought about an infant study (8)
- 15 Aussie insurer became mixed up with explosive straw matting (6)
- 17 Sounds like a rolling stone (5)
- 18 Slight height loss is returned as magical signs (6)
- 19 'The real one is an act,' you all say (6)
- 20 Central oil refinery backs-up what you would deduce (5)
- 21 Fear that is not found in Terrie sounds like awe instead (6)
- 23 Cheer and earn not an evergreen shrub (8)
- 25 The wandering ascetic ruined a Yass inn (8)
- 27 Company Marilyn Monroe heads? Add it to pledge (6)
- 28 Known, or maybe not, it still holds a star cluster (5)
- 29 The French/American bun combination turned out to be useless (8)
- 30 There's a puzzling picture in these pieces (6)

Vertical

- 1 Acrobatic trampolines sunk with unfair play (15)
- 2 From the west came a worse change — a real prude (6)
- 3 Hare teeth don't hold a Hebrew letter on a mountain ridge (5)
- 4 Possesses Physical Education out of phase (3)
- 5 For the sake of the clock my car keeps stopping an attempt to hold things up (8,3,4)
- 6 Wager that Barry's editor to begin with (3)
- 7 To receive an advance warning, the golfer cry adds, 'Yumm!' (9)
- 8 Jill's friend was capable of anything (4-2-3-5)
- 12 Almost all dust holds a portion for some periods of time (9)
- 14 Most of an instrument's range was Sue's trait somehow (9)
- 16 Those oats of mine sound like real headaches (9)
- 22 Grim mole eats, oddly enough, a boring tool (6)
- 24 Orion, or for an initial changeover, you get a negative particle (5)
- 26 Psalm no longer has afternoon preserver (3)
- 27 Heard your hallux was coarse flax (3)

Post solution to:

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e-mail: makeanote@bigpond.com
Closing mail date: Friday 9 May 2003.



WORDPLAY

Have you often wondered what the word HYPOCORISM means? This really useful word derives from the Greek *hypokorisma* endearing name, from *hypokorizesthai* to call by endearing names, from *hypo-* (under) + *korizesthai* to caress (from *koros* boy, *kore* girl). The word seems to have been used in three senses: one for child-talk (or 'baby talk') like 'moo-cow', 'ma' and 'pa', the second for pet-names such as 'sweetkins', 'honeybun', 'chick-a-biddy' 'chick-a-diddle', 'snookums' and 'petkins' to name a few. The third sense is as an abbreviated or diminutive name such as 'Polly', 'Harry' for 'Henry', 'Mike' or 'Mikey' etc. So, if anyone calls you 'lambkins' or 'precious heart' or by a shortened name, don't be alarmed. They are merely acting hypocoristically.

A Mondegreen from Geoff Campbell: Little Johnny (practising his arithmetic): "Two and two, the son of a bitch, is four". Teacher: "No, Johnny, no. I said two and two, the sum of which is four". Which reminds me of a schoolyard rhyme from long ago: I'll chase the bug around the hill, I'll have his blood, he knows I will.

Acknowledgement: Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Apr 3-2003).

Puzzle Adjustments: Shirl O'Brien gained a tick for February Slot 5 and Cynthia Reardon for Slots 1, 2, 3 and 5.

• We were sorry to hear that another of our members, Bobby Roberts (FW Roberts) was recently bereaved. His lovely wife, Lilian, died in February aged early 90's. Bobby and Lilian celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last year. Lilian was a lovely person in every way.
Irene Watts

I'm a Crypto-cruci-verbalist by John Dennett

I'm a cryptocruciverbalist, do you wonder what that means? Am I someone who's afraid of verbs or allergic to soy beans? Do I specialise in vaults or tombs, maybe crucify my mates? Do I steal from graves or make a list of things I really hate?

Now the answer to these questions is a resounding **no, no, no!** For a cryptocruciverbalist is a person on the go; He will have his head bent all day and a biro in his hand, Filling in small squares with obscure words that few others understand.

He's a crossword buff (the cryptic type) who prefers strange words to drinking; Ten across, two down, it's all the same, he's adept at lateral thinking; There's a clever use of anagrams and some hidden words and puns; Abbreviations, double meanings also add to all the fun.

Unexpected answers are the norm, what you see may not be clear; If at first you have no luck at all, don't give up, the end is near; Anyone can solve a cryptic clue, believe me this is what you'll find; Don't need brains or brawn or handsome looks, all it takes is a twisted mind!

Results of Quiz No. 1 – What a Pair by Bede.

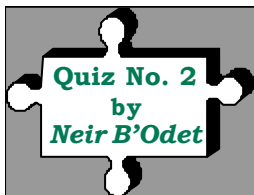
Winner: Valerie Howard. Congratulations!

Answers: Pyramus/Thisbe; Robin Hood/Maid Marian; Abelard/Heloise; Heathcliff/Cathy; Hoad/Rosewall; Caesar/Cleopatra; Jack/Jill; Frankie/Johnny; Simon/Garfunkel; Bass/Flinders; Hume/Hovell; Arthur/Guinevere; Clytemnestra/Agamemnon; Peter Pan/Wendy; Damon/Pythias; Dante/Beatrice; Echo/Narcissus; Gog/Magog; Hiawatha/Minnehaha; Daedalus/Icarus; Oberon/Titania; Geppetto/Pinocchio; Torvill/Dean; Rodgers/Hammerstein; Astaire/Rogers.

Many favourable comments on the quiz, full credit for which must go to my good friend Del Kennedy; I am merely the marker. We apologise for the misleading info for Nos 22 and 24. After some thought we have decided to allow Gepetto, a spelling apparently favoured by Walt Disney. Most members pointed out the error in No 24, which was corrected on the web page and in last month's *Crozworld*; for those reasons we have disallowed Rogers. Most common other errors were: No 2, Marion; No 15, Diana & Charles (?); No 5, Rosewell; No 4, Kathy, and assorted others. Could not verify Heathcliff and Nelly! Most popular clue: No 19. 33 entries (thanks for all the great cards and letters).

Results: 25 correct: Daphne Greening, Catherine Hambling, Valerie Howard, Carole Noble, Joan Smith and Alan Walter. 24: Doug Butler, Lilian Crane, Peter Dearie, Joan McGrath, Shirl O'Brien, David Procter and Margaret Raw. 23: Audrey Austin, Verna Dinham, Barbara Ibbott, Doreen Jones, Claire McClelland, Paula Mercer and Ted O'Brien.

—Betty Siegman and Del Kennedy (*Bede*)



13th ANNIVERSARY QUIZ by Neir B'Odet

To celebrate the Club's 13th birthday, find answers to the clues below. Where the number of letters would give an answer (such as clue 9) or make it too simple (clues 7 and 13) you're on your own. Clue 4 has no letters.

Send your entries (on this or a separate sheet) to: Ted O'Brien, 80 Hillview Cres, Kiama NSW 2533. Closing mail: Friday 2 May 2003.

Name:



- 1 One who has a fear of 13? (16)
- 2 Who was the 13th Governor-General/Administrator of the Commonwealth of Australia? (3,7,5)
- 3 Which Australian soprano was born on 13th April 1892 and died in Queensland on 8th February 1976? (6, 9)
- 4 Morse Code for 13
- 5 Which tradesman is generous with 13? (5)
- 6 The symbol of the 13th wedding anniversary (4)
- 7 What other form of music, apart from Jazz, uses the 13th chord?
- 8 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet (3)
- 9 Which of these was **not** a member of the Thirteen Colonies of America: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Georgia, New York?
- 10 Who was Louis XIII's chief minister and influence? (8, 9)
- 11 Australia's 13th Prime Minister (5, 7)
- 12 What is the symbol for Element No 13? (2)
- 13 He was Pope (1875-1903) and author of *Rerum Novarum*.

Sources: Collins English Dictionary, Australian Encyclopedia, World Book Encyclopedia, Encyclopedia Britannica, Prime Ministers of Australia.

March 1-2003: CROSSQUIZ by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- In 36ac the word 'match' should be 'game' and the surprise chef is ARISTOS – or am I in for a surprise? *Brian Symons*
- Surprised to know most of these, an exception being *Surprise Chef* (7dn) whose name seems to be spelt Ariston, unless there's another surprise in store. *Jim Colles*
- Surely the surprise chef is ARISTOS. *Margaret Davis*
- *Virgo's* prodigious output of puzzles appears to have created a mild attack of burn-out. MONTOYO was Colombian not Brazilian, OSIRIS was the husband and brother of Isis, it is Stefan EDBERG not Egberg and *Surprise Chef* seems to be more commonly known as ARISTOS although I have seen an isolated instance of ARISTO which may or may not be correct. Please *Virgo* concentrate on quality rather than quantity. *David Procter*
- Enjoyable to have a completely orthodox puzzle in Slot 1. Thanks *Virgo*. In 32dn I hope you are referring to the Swedish tennis ace Stefan EDBERG and not EGBERG. *Alan Walter*
- A splendid variety of Trivial Pursuits fields covered by this puzzle. But *Virgo* missed out on a Total Tick. The Surprise Chef is Aristos with an S, Stefan Egberg doesn't exist and I'm not sure, but I think Montoya is not a Brazilian. Do we get extra ticks for spotting the deliberate mistakes? (I thought not). *Iain MacDougall*
- I could have written lots of libel Sonia, Audrey, but, then, I had just to grin and Beirut! *Ted O'Brien*
- I think the 7dn clue should had the solution "Aristos" when only Aristo slotted in; clue 32dn – was Egberg a typographical error? Otherwise the concept was interesting and a nice change from the usual conventional puzzle. *Catherine Foster*
- *Virgo* gives us so many good puzzles, interesting, fair clues to make us think, but not frustrating. Thanks Audrey! As the Larkins would say, it was "perfect". *Irene Watts*

March 2-2003 – CRYPTIC by Noel Jessop

- Some terrific clues – especially liked ABIB and OCCIDENTAL. *Brian Symons*
- For some inexplicable reason I enjoyed doing this puzzle. I suppose it's got something to do with entertaining clues such as 1dn & 15dn all over the place. *Jim Colles*
- Noel's usual good work. *Margaret Davis*
- 9ac: makin' a shot + baffin', where 'baffing' = making an unduly lofting golf shot and 'bay' = horse = BAFFIN BAY. 12ac: Island magicians sniffing out bone = I+MAGI+N(OS)ING (delete OS). 20ac: Volunteers unemotional = T.A.+BLAND where T.A. = (British) Territorial Army. The Spanish = EL: TA+BL(EL)AND. 4dn: Craze = Crays = crayfish or yabbies = Y+A+BB+I+ES. Thanks Noel for your interesting cryptic puzzle. It gave us plenty to think about. *Alan Walter*
- Was I slow picking up craze = yabbies? I sure was! *Ted O'Brien*
- This was rather difficult for me this time – I'd never heard of Baffin Bay until I did some searching so it was quite an education, as was the 16ac answer "eightvo". *Catherine Foster*
- Oh! This was hard – harder than No 3 this time. *Irene Watts*

March 3-2003: CRYPTIC by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- DAFFODIL and TRAVELLING LIGHT especially enjoyable clues. *Brian Symons*
- Just another example of what this business is all about. So many clever clues that they're hard to separate, but I thought 14ac, 5dn & 6dn were specials. *Jim Colles*
- Some nice clues, especially 16ac. *Margaret Davis*
- Another thought provoking puzzle. Thanks *Southern Cross* especially for your bright TRAVELLING LIGHT or will o' the wisp known as the Min Min light(s) in 16ac. Brilliant! 19ac: Stockpile incomplete = RESERV(E) delete E, receding Spanish river is RIO in reverse giving RESERV+OIR. *Alan Walter*
- Shirl's Min Min light gets my best clue vote this month. *Ted O'Brien*
- What interesting clues! I liked 16ac, 21ac, 14dn and 15dn. I am undecided which of these to nominate as 'clue of the month', but I will opt for 15dn – metatarsal – Good stuff. *Catherine Foster*
- Some very clever clues as always in Shirl's puzzles, especially liked 2dn, 5dn & 21ac but I cannot see how 16ac fits the clue, so I fear my answer may not be right. Where are the MINS? *Irene Watts*
- 16ac: 'travelling light' seems to be right, but I don't see Min anywhere – even once. [See page 7 ante] *Max Roddick*

March 4-2003: OZZIE SUMMER: AN AJ by Coming and Going (Betty Cumming)

- A very enjoyable puzzle. TORQUAY took me ages. Puzzles like this will be sorely missed. *Brian Symons*
- What a great final wagon wheel from Betty C, with her favourite holiday place as the centrepiece. The challenging puzzles of *Coming and Going* will be greatly missed. *Jim Colles*
- This one had me almost standing on my head, as Betty's puzzles always did. *Margaret Davis*
- Dear Betty, I hope you can hear me. Your *Ozzie Summer* puzzle was an utter delight! How you managed to weave together an AJ, a thematic and a boundary word was the work of a wonderful wordsmith. "...and now the CARNIVAL is over, we must wish you all goodbye..." May your journey along that favourite Great Ocean Road lead you to blissful repose. Your friendliness and imaginativeness will not be forgotten. On behalf of the ACC we all salute you for your farewell puzzle, your tremendous dedication to our crossword club and for your heartfelt sentiments. *Alan Walter*
- Vale, Betty! Mistress of the Octagon. *Ted O'Brien*
- What a thoughtful and loving memorial to CrOZworld's late member Betty Cumming. The octagon concept was great! Betty will be sadly missed. *Catherine Foster*
- I always find whirligig puzzles very difficult, but was pleasantly surprised by this one. *Irene Watts*
- A fine and challenging puzzle. I hope KAKADU is acceptable either way round. *Max Roddick (Sure is!)*

March 5-2003: TWO-IN-ONE by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- Roy is his usual oxymoronic self – honestly deceptive – and yes it was entertaining. *Brian Symons*
- Two-in-one certainly fulfilled the wish expressed in 1ac. Not only entertaining but requiring plenty of cerebral action to unravel the double clues. Once again I dips me lid to the creativity of *Praxis*. *Jim Colles*
- *Praxis* in excellent form – as always. *Margaret Davis*
- Many thanks Roy for your thoroughly ENTERTAINING 'Two-in-One' puzzle. This stunning puzzle should bedazzle all solvers. When I first solved this puzzle my top line read AININGENTERT and I wondered what this meant until I split the grid in half and reversed the sides, so the 3 letter answer to 1ac is YES. *Alan Walter*
- Beautifully constructed clues. *Ximenes* in his left-right puzzles always made 1ac fiendishly difficult. *Praxis* made it easy for us with an easy 1ac, but yes it was very entertaining. *Iain MacDougall*
- I found ETACISM in *Chambers Crossword Completer* but nowhere else. [See *Chambers Dictionary p553*] *World Book* gives Sacs as alternative spelling for the American Indians Sauks. To complete Roy's 2 in 1 gives me great satisfaction. *Ted O'Brien*
- This was a tough one, but enjoyable to solve. Is it also tough on the compilers or do they get some fiendish delight in burying the meanings? I found clue 1dn was very perplexing as the two clues kept overlapping in my brain, but aha! I think I got it licked, I hope. *Catherine Foster*
- It's too much, much too much, far too much for me. I used to enjoy Roy's puzzles but now I find them too clever and contrived. No can do. *Irene Watts*
- 16dn (left) took me a whole day to find the Indian connection. It's not in *Chambers*, egad! *Max Roddick*

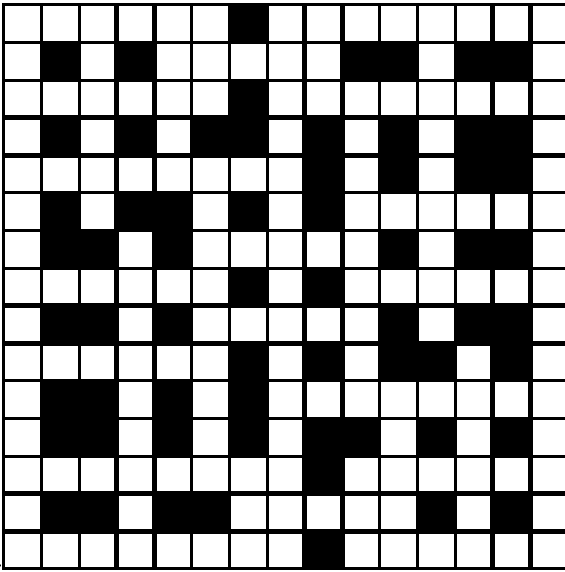


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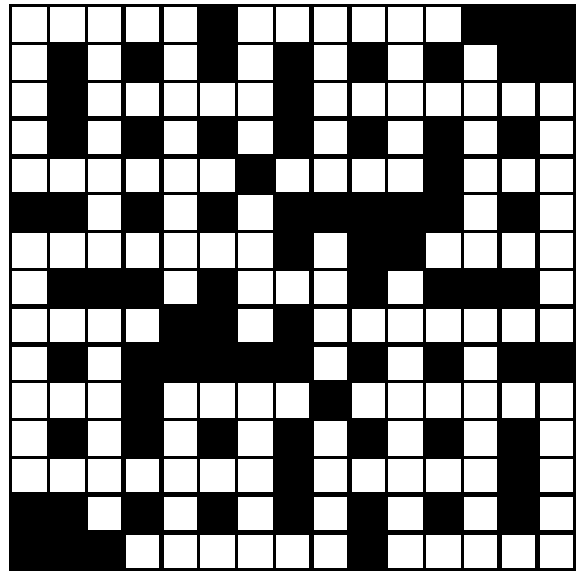
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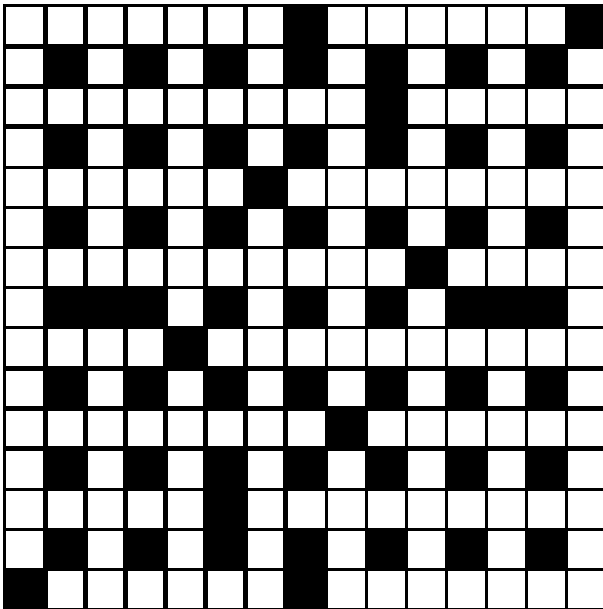


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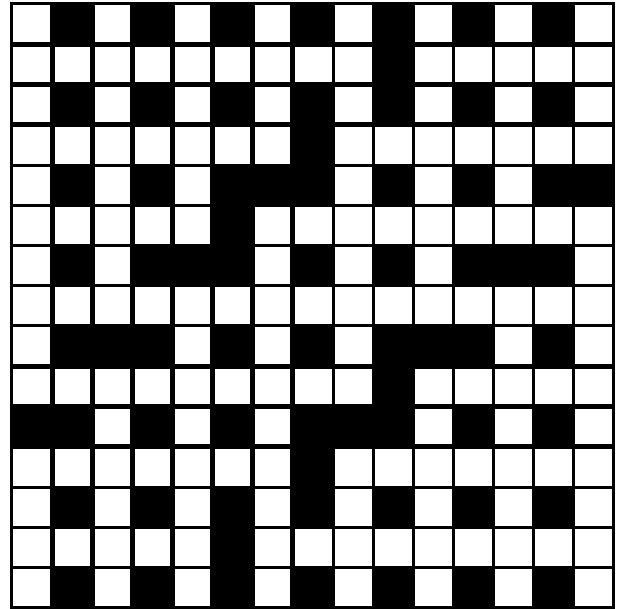


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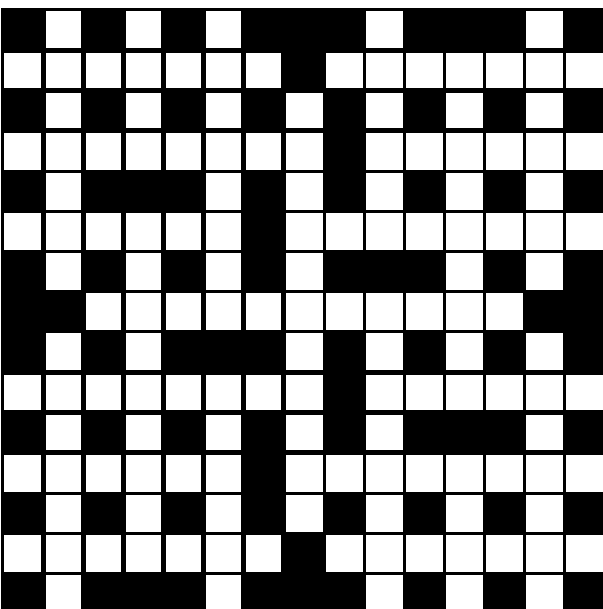
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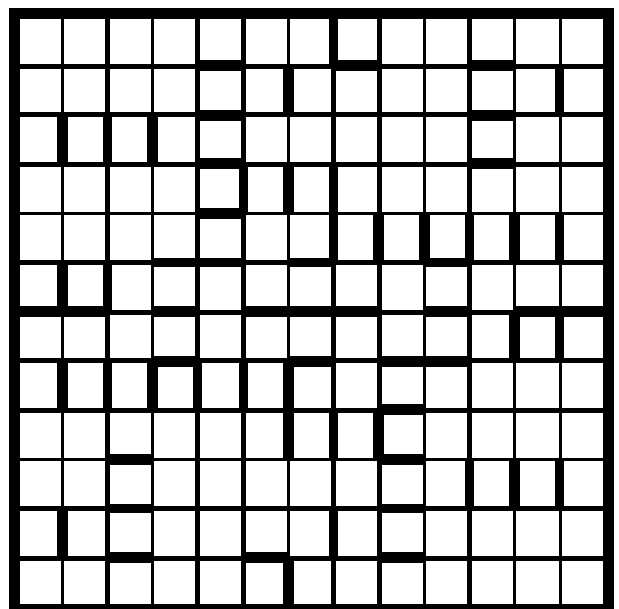
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February 6-2003 - A Sporting Obsession by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

Entries: 83. Correct: 73. Success rate = 88%. **Prizewinner: Graeme Cole. Congratulations!**

Members' comments:

- I know nothing about snooker. Thank God for the Internet. Sorry I used the grid the wrong way. *Jill Freeland*
- I like the grids to be symmetrical and to make matters worse the attached copy has bars all over the place with no relation to word lengths. *Doreen Jones* (You also used the grid the wrong way, Doreen. A.)
- I think all of these February – 6 2003 clues are bonzer. *Bev Solomon*
- I really had to dig in my memory bank as it is ages since Pot Black was on TV. *Barb Ibbott*
- A tricky puzzle requiring a great deal of research to check the players – I only knew of three. *Bev Cockburn*
- A whiff of nostalgia! I well remember sitting watching the box while these people attempted to pocket the balls. What a joy it was when we finally acquired a colour TV. How could we have possibly watched it on B & W? *Catherine Hambling*
- We always watched Pot Black all those years ago. I hope my memory has served me well. *Valerie Howard*
- I hope cosign doesn't have me snookered. *Geoff Campbell*
- Although I enjoy doing bar grid puzzles, my heart sank when I saw the title of yours. However, there was a lifting of the spirit when I got 32ac and realized I did not have to search for names of footballers, cricketers etc. *Daphne Greening*
- The solution to 60 across, cosign, broke like dawn after a dark night – a splendid clue! *Max Roddick*
- Having enjoyed watching Pot Black for many years I knew most of the names. However, I really struggled to confirm the last few even using the net. An excellent puzzle requiring thought and research to achieve a satisfying result. *Steve Trollope*
- Without Internet access I would not have been able to confirm the unclued answers, but most of them are guessable. *Peter Dearie*
- I had to go to the net to confirm some of these names. Brilliant Invention isn't it? Thanks for a stimulating puzzle. *Margaret Galbreath*
- Although this type of grid is not my favourite, I enjoyed this one. I think it was particularly clever that you managed to put the name of the sport as the middle clue. Do you remember the Pot Black programmes they used to show on TV some years ago? I used to enjoy them even though I knew virtually nothing about the game. *Irene Watts*
- Your clue, Grass pitch = Pot Black my pick for clue of the month. *Ron O'Rourke*
- I enjoyed the puzzle as I used to watch Pot Black on the telly. *Jim Colles*
- Herewith Slot 6. Hope I don't go in off the cushion! *Tom Phelan*
- I thought 50ac (beer) was a fine clue. But they were all pretty good. *Mal Cockburn*
- The undefined clues nearly had me snookered! 32ac, 'grass pitch' was a lovely misleading clue. At first I was thinking along the lines of cricket, to be pleasantly delighted with grass = pot and pitch = black indicating the snooker tournament. *Alan Walter*
- I nominated Pot Black as the clue of the month – straightforward and humorous. Please express my thanks for the Cumulative Slot 6 puzzles – it was really needed just after Christmas. *Bill Bennett*
- Could you please explain 18ac in your adjudicator's notes (I'm not on the Internet)? *Joan Smith*

Adjudicator's comments:

18 across: Original 'die' movie (6): The Matrix is a movie. The word 'matrix' is shortly defined in *The Penguin Quickway Crossword Dictionary* as 'Original die; mould; cavity.' *Chambers, Macquarie* and *Random House* also include this, and other definitions. There was a heartening number of entries for a slot 6 — and a good success rate including one anonymous (correct) entry with a Sydney postmark. Errors included BREW for BEER & ENSIGN, RESIGN and DESIGN for COSIGN plus the usual couple of transcription errors. Pot Black was a popular TV show taken off the Australian TV menu when our snooker representative, Eddie Charlton, stopped competing. Current tournaments are now broadcast on Foxtel. I would like to thank Bev Cockburn, Barb Ibbott and Joan Smith for their nice postcards. —Virgo (Audrey Austin)

Indirect Anagrams

From Kev Layton aka The Beast

- With regard to my use of indirect anagrams in the February Acrostic plus some previous puzzles, I apologise and enter a plea of ignorance. Being relatively new to cryptics I had never heard the term "indirect anagram" used let alone know they were anathema to many, and only became aware some issues back when comment was made in these columns. Unfortunately the Acrostic in the last issue was compiled and submitted prior to this time. I promise to vigilantly eschew them in future. May I also thank the Club for the cheque for winning the Slot 2 in the February issue of *Crozworld*. I always enjoy Shirl's cryptics as the answers generally are not obscure words seldom, if ever used, but those found in most dictionaries.
- In the *Chambers Crossword Manual* (3rd ed) by Don Manley, the author deals with the indirect anagram as follows (p68): Example: Small pebbles possibly coming from the country (7) Answer: Shingle. "This sort of structure has often been referred to as a clue to a clue and this particular example is an indirect anagram. The solver is expected to equate 'coming from the country' with 'English' and then work out an anagram. He may get the right answer from the definition and the checked letters, but to deduce 'English' and then work out the anagram is too much, because there are simply so many interpretations of 'from the country': 'Turkish' and 'bucolic' are just two! And of course any letters already in the diagram cannot easily be fed into the working out of the subsidiary indication."

General Comments:

- Many thanks for the cheque for \$75: it arrived today. I never expect to win these things, so I didn't check the winners in the latest issue of *Crozworld* – a welcome surprise. *Ken Watt*
- I was really tickled pink to be awarded "clue of the month" last month. It's got me re-motivated! *Daphne Titus-Rees*
[Congratulations, Daphne for an excellent clue and many, many thanks for your generous donation to the ACC Prize Fund.]
- I tackled these puzzles with a heavy heart, particularly dear Betty's polygonal – the last of its wonderful kind. Joyce drove me back to my hotel from my first Sydney luncheon in 1992, and I have a happy photo of John Kennedy at Rydges in 1994. These people and all club members have so enriched my life, and I feel privileged to have known them. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Re MASS v MESS. I checked mass in *Chambers* and had no hesitation putting it in as my solution as apparently did many others. Surely a definition as OK in *Chambers* whether there is another answer that the compiler had in mind should override a decision by the committee? – in an orthodox anyway! *Audrey Austin*
- February must go down as Black February for the ACC having lost 2 valuable members of the club and the husband of a member. Betty, Joyce and John you are sorely missed. May you Rest in Peace. *David Procter*
- Thanks to Patrick for another excellent *Crozworld* and a great selection of intriguing puzzles. Thanks too, to the setters and the adjudicators. *Bev Cockburn*
- PLEASE would somebody explain what an ANAGIND is? Answer: It's a shortened version of "anagram indicator".
- Definition of 'egotism': Doing a cryptic crossword puzzle with a pen.